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1. AMBASSADOR AND OTHER MISSION OFFICIALS BRIEFED PRESIDENTIAL
EMISSARIES HERMAN KLEINE AND RUSSEL MWRRUREZN EVENING OF
SEPTEMBER 29, EMISSARIES HAD ARRIVED SAME MORNING AND HAD BEEN FLOWN
TO DISASTER AREA FOR INSPECTION TRIP. ON THEIR RETURN, THE
AMBASSADOR, MILGP COMMANDER, AID DIRECTOR AND OTHER MISSION

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PERSONNEL DESCRIBED PRESENT SITUATION.

2. TODAY EMISSARIES WILL MEET WITH COLONEL HERNANDEZ, PRESIDENT OF COPEN; ROBERTO GALVERZ BARNES, FOREIGN AID COORDINATOR; MINFIN MANUEL ACOSTA BONILLA; MINECON ABRAHAM BENNATON RAMOS; AND MANLIO MARTINEZ, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC PLANNING COUNCIL. THE AMBASSADOR WILL ACCOMPANY THEM TO MEET CHIEF OF STATE LOPEZ THIS AFTERNOON.

3. THE CONSULAR SECTION HAS RECORDED 272 INQUIRIES CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF AMERICANS AND HONDURAN NATIONALS. TO DATE WE HAVE REPLIED TO 132 OF THESE INQUIRIES. THE BAY ISLANDS ACCOUNT FOR 30 AND SAN PEDRO SULA FOR 40 WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.(THESE ISLANDS ARE KNOWN NOT TO HAVE LOSS OF LIFE OR INJURIES BUT CONTACT WITH SOME INDIVIDUALS HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE. IT IS BELIEVED THAT WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS WE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR AT LEAST 90 OF THE REMAINING 140 PERSONS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR.

4. STANDARD FRUIT WILL COMPLETE REPAIRS TO RAILWAY SUFFICIENT TO HANDLE LIGHT TRAFFIC BY OCTOBER 5. COMPANY HAS NOT FURLOUGHED ANY EMPLOYEES PENDING MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION ON ITS RECONSTRUCTION PLANS. FULL PAYROLL WAS MET LAST WEEK. COMPANY CONDUCTING RELIEF EFFORTS FROM ITS OWN STOCKS AS WELL AS INCOMING RELIEF SUPPLIES. FIRST SHIPMENT OF PINEAPPLES, COCONUTS AND SMALL QUANTITY OF BANANAS DUE TO LEAVE SEPTEMBER 30. QUANTITY OF EXPORT FAR LESS IMPORTANT THAN PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT WHICH SHOULD BE VERY POSITIVE.

5. DAO CARRIED OUT 20 SORTIES IN 5 DAY PERIOD. HE AIRLIFTED 136 PASSENGERS AND 12,600 LBS. OF CARGO DURING THAT TIME. SANCHEZ

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